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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The period for response is set to expire on February 18, 2005. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. **Applicants' Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

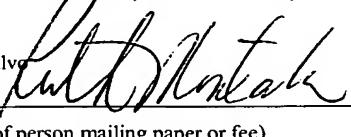
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